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510(k) Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

Grass® TS3201/6401 EEG Amplifier

1. Submitter Information

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2. Identification of the Device

Name of Device: Grass® TS3201/6401 EEG Amplifier System

Classification: Electroencephalograph, GWQ, Class II, per 882.1400

3. Equivalent Devices

This product is similar in design, function, and intended use to the Bio-Logic CEEGRAPH 128-channel Recording System (K973883) and the Telefactor H2O "Tethered-option" EEG recorder system (K992291).

Like these equivalent products, the Grass® TS3201/6401 is designed to provide the signal conditioning interface (EEG signal amplification, filtering, and safety isolation) between the patient and a personal computer platform. When paired with a computer and EEG software, these equivalent systems are designed to monitor the EEG signals in a real-time graphical “chart” view on the computer monitor, store the signals to the computer’s hard drive, replay the data on-screen, simplify the marking and tabulation of diagnostically significant events and measurements, and generate summary reports and graphs for technologist/physician review. These products share the same intended use and essential performance and safety characteristics.

4. Description of the Device

The Grass TS3201/TS6401 systems are 32-channel and 64-channel (respectively) devices for acquiring and conditioning EEG signals and transmitting them to a personal computer for display and storage. The system consists of one or more miniature pager-size 32-channel preamplifier units, which plug into a small “belt-pack” designed to be worn by the patient. The belt-pack provides further signal conditioning, safety isolation and communication to a remotely located interface panel and data acquisition computer.

Up to two TS3201 or TS6401 belt-packs, in any combination, can be plugged into the interface panel to provide for up to 128 channels of EEG monitoring from a single subject. Each belt-pack includes one additional pair of inputs for standard electrodes for monitoring EOG (eye movement) or ECG. Additionally, each belt-pack also includes a patient call pushbutton, which can be used to signal the control room or automatically trigger event marks or recording devices.

5. Indications for Use

The TS3201/6401 amplifier system is designed for use in the recording of routine EEG, long-term EEG with patient video and overnight sleep/EEG recording applications (Polysomnography). This device is intended to be used only by physicians, technicians, or other medical professionals that are trained in electroencephalography.

6. Comparison of Technological Characteristics

The design and technological features of the TS3201/6401 and the predicate devices are similar. All of the systems provide connections to the patient via a standardized plug-in interface for commonly used EEG electrodes and are intended to record from the same anatomical sites. All of the systems perform pre-amplification and filtering of the bio-potential signals acquired from these electrodes. Each has a means for sampling the channels at a predetermined or configurable rate and transmitting the sampled EEG data to a personal computer. Each system has similar performance specifications, which are well agreed upon by the EEG community (amplifier filter settings, gain, and resolution).

The essential safety characteristics of the devices are identical. Each is powered from a low-voltage DC power supply via a medical-grade power supply as the primary AC safety isolation. Each relies additionally on a second level of safety isolation using either optical, capacitor, or transformer isolation means to isolate the patient leads from ground. Finally, each device is designed to be operated with recording and review software separately approved and provided by or recommended by the device manufacturer.

The major difference between these devices is only in the physical packaging, expansion capabilities, and communication interface. The Bio-Logic device is all contained within one large box that can be internally expanded with additional amplifier modules from 32 channels to 128 channels. The Telefactor unit is limited to only 32 channels, but is substantially smaller than the Bio-logic device and can be worn by the patient. The Grass TS3201/6401 sub divides the systems into separate functional modules that can be externally combined to provide both light-weight, wearable amplifiers with the ability to expand from 32 to 128 channels in 32 channel increments.

7. Testing

The Grass TS3201/6401 system has been extensively tested to the applicable safety, EMI and EMC standards for medical electrical devices, and specifically EEG equipment. Third party testing and certification to IEC601-1, IEC601-1-2, UL2601-1, CSA22.2#601-1 has been completed or is in process.

Additional performance testing and bench testing has been completed to verify operation of all functional requirements and performance specifications.

In conclusion, the Grass TS3201/6401 system is as safe and effective as the predicate devices currently marketed by Bio-Logic Corporation and Telefactor Corporation and raises no new safety or effectiveness concerns.



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Re: K994142
Trade Name: Grass TS3201/6401 EEG Amplifier System
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: GWQ
Dated: December 1, 1999
Received: December 8, 1999

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895.

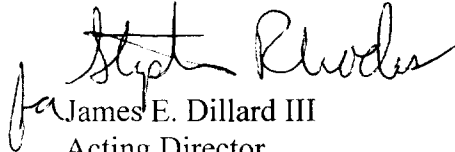
A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4595. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Dillard III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature, there is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "j" or "for".

James E. Dillard III
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Enclosure

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IF NEEDED.)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter-Use _____
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Stacy R. Proctor

(Division Sign-Off)

Division of General Restorative Devices

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